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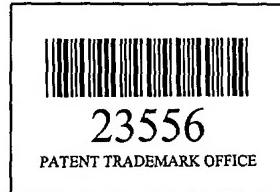
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Enclosed are:

1. This Transmittal Form including Fee Authorization and a duplicate for fee processing.
2. A Specification having a total of twenty-three (23) pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and thirty-four (34) claims.
3. Fifteen (15) sheets of drawings.
4. And, if indicated:

A preliminary amendment.

An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are recited on a separate sheet to avoid their being printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom.

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